

January 27, 2010

ADDENDUM #1 TO
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INVITATION FOR BID
#HWY-309446-RP

The purpose of this addendum is for the evaluation results for the Approved Equivalent requests on the 17, 20 & 21- Passenger Gas Cutaway Buses per the attached forms.

All other terms, conditions, specifications and incidentals shall remain the same as originally stated in Invitation for Bid #HWY-309446-RP

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

_____ (Vendor Signature)

_____ (Date)

hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of Addendum #1.

A copy of this signed addendum **MUST** be included with your bid response. Failure to include a copy of this addendum with your response will result in disqualification of your response.

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MDT TRANSIT VEHICLES

REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS/APPROVED EQUALS FORM

IFB NO. : HWY#309446

NAME OF BIDDER: Dean Walle, Intermountain Coach

TITLE OF DOCUMENT REFERENCE: Fergus County Floor Plan Request

TYPE OF VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT: 20 Passengers w/ 2 Wheelchairs plus Driver

PAGES & REFERENCE: 4

BIDDERS REQUEST:

Due to the 20 passenger seating we are required to increase the wheel base to a 212" wheel base. As you can see by the floor plan there is a copilot door/area where the 2 required storage compartments would be located. This is done to allow the A/C evaporator/heater to be located above the driver blowing towards the passengers faces for more efficient cooling as well as heating. This innovative change also placed more of the weight forward in the bus to allow this bus to meet GVWR weights and to alleviate the rear head room issues. This design will also place the double out entry doors as shown behind the co-pilot door. This vehicle can also accommodate a 2 passenger fold away seat at the rear if desired!

Please approve these changes to the floor plan specified in Fergus County's bid. We appreciate your attention to this matter and please contact me if further information is needed.

MDT RESPONSE:

The 20 passenger with 2 w/c vehicle is not a traditional style vehicle procured by the MDT and the floor plan requirements appear to exceed the tolerable chassis specifications.

After reviewing Mr. Walle's exceptions to the 20 passenger w/ 2 w/c vehicle specifications, MDT has determined that the suggested vehicle chassis, as specified in HWY#309446, will have insufficient weight distribution, if a rear frame extension is accepted and a center frame extension dismissed. After close review, MDT has determined that a center frame extension is necessary, possibly in conjunction with a rear frame extension, for proper weight distribution. Mr. Walle's suggested chassis and floor plan are suitable alternatives to that specified for the 20 passenger w/ 2 w/c.

Mr. Walle has asked to allow the A/C evaporator/ heater to be located over the driver's area to better balance chassis weight. MDT will accept this change only if a rear auxiliary heating / cooling unit is installed with a total vehicle cooling / heating capacity that meets or exceeds that stated in the specifications. The required 2 storage compartments above the driver's area may be relocated as long as the compartments do not obstruct passenger movements.

Approved exceptions for ONLY the 20 passenger w/ 2 w/c vehicle:

- Acceptable: 176-190" wheelbase with a Ford QVM certified or equal chassis manufacturer's certification, center frame extension.
- Acceptable: TMC Group Inc., Model 285 floor plan
- Acceptable: Front A/C evaporator/heater granted that a rear auxiliary heating / cooling unit is installed with the total vehicle cooling / heating capacity meeting or exceeding that stated in the specifications
- Acceptable – Relocation of the 2 driver's area storage compartments

NOTE:

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NAME OF BIDDER: Jason Spore, EK Coaches

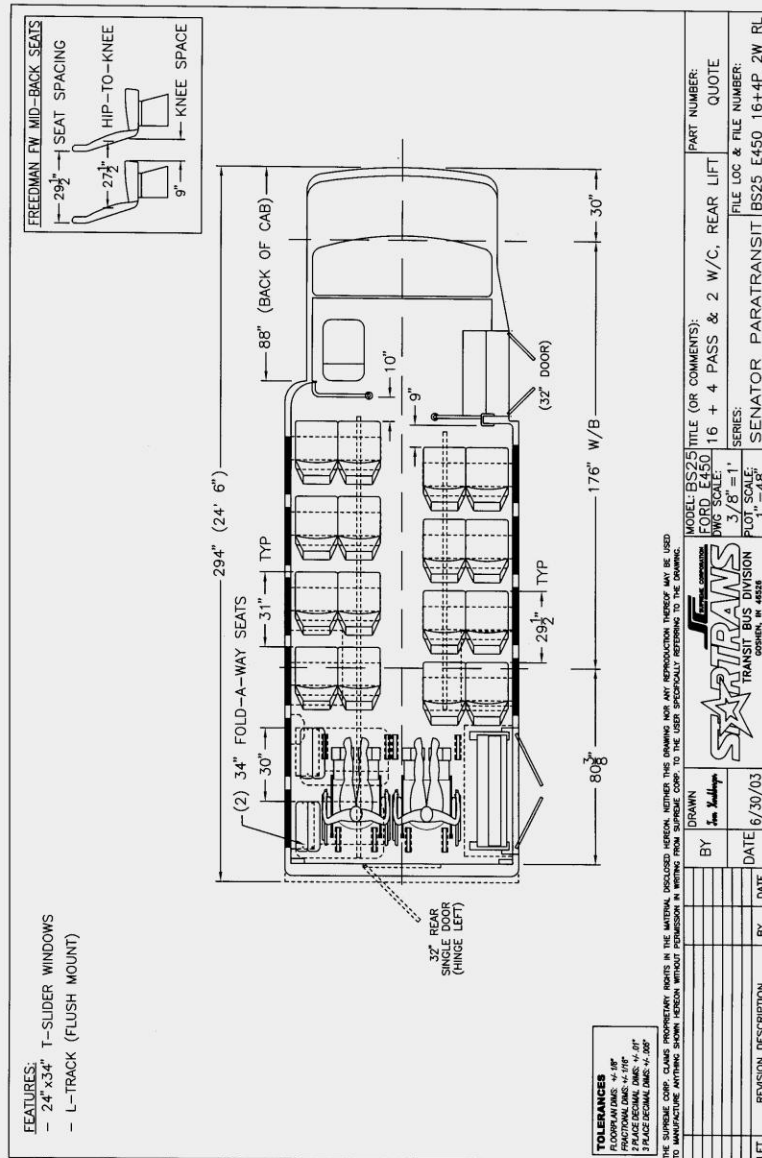
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BIDDERS REQUEST:

To accept this floor plan



MDT RESPONSE:

The 20 passenger with 2 w/c vehicle is not a traditional style vehicle procured by the MDT and the floor plan requirements appear to exceed the tolerable chassis specifications.

Mr. Spore's floor plan configuration is acceptable under these conditions:

- Vehicles must include two (2), two-passenger (double) Freedman BV Fold-A-Way Series with padded grab rails or approved equal
- Foldaway seats shall be covered in Repel, Level 6 fabric or approved equal
- Seat color the same as the stationary seats
- All foldaway seats must have either padded grab rails or a durable nylon plastic handle
- Fold away seat belts shall be USR (Under Seat Retractor)

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